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11-5072-A Wagon to the primitive inhabitants—Santa Fe Train crossing
Cañon Blanco, Arizona. Copyright 1904 by Underwood & Underwood.

You are a few miles east of Flagstaff, Arizona. There is a little railroad station (Canyon Diablo) a quarter of a mile away at your left. That west-bound train has just come from the station and is speeding along, on its way over into southern California.

These are Navajo Indians, members of a tribe living in picturesque, conical "hogans" out in the great Painted Desert. These particular individuals live in a little village or group of hogans near the Canyon Diablo station just mentioned. They speak no English, but the old man shows to new acquaintances, with great pride, an impressive looking document signed by the manager of the local trading post, appointing him mayor of his village!

The blankets worn by the dignified "mayor" and this boy are woven by men of the tribe. They keep a few sheep, pasturing them in gullies and canyons like this, where the neighborhood of water encourages a scanty growth of grass. The wool is spun by women with a crude but effective home-made spindle, and woven by men on a rough loom constructed of tree-boughs. The decorative figures woven into the blankets (you can make out some of them on the one worn by this boy) all have symbolic meanings—they signify such things as winds and rains, mountain heights, and flashes of midsummer lightning.

Read F. S. Dellenbaugh: "North Americans of Yesterday," and G. A. Dorsey: "Indians of the Southwest."

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A Wonder to the Indians — Train crossing Cañon Diablo, Arizona.

Une merveille pour les Indiens — Convoi traversant le Ravin du Diable, Arizona.

Den Indianern ein Wunder — ein Eisenbahnzug das Diablo-Staßion in Arizona kreuzend.

Una maravilla para los Indios — Tren atravesando el Cañon del Diablo, Arizona.

För indianerna ett under — Tågöfverfart vid Cañon Diablo, Arizona.

Желѣзная дорога, проходящая черезъ каньонъ Діабло въ Аризонѣ.